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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Fernandez et al. Art Unit: 1652
Application No.: 10/003,021 Examiner: C. L. Fronda
Filed: November 14, 2001 Confirmation No.: 2174
Title: LIBRARIES OF EXPRESSIBLE GENE SEQUENCES

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

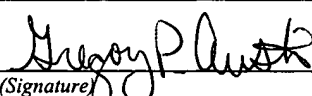
This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 2, 2003.

The requested extension is for Two (2) Months, extending the period for response from January 2, 2003 to March 2, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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